FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

Stock Speculation Dull and Heavy.

THE "BEARS" VICTORIOUS.

Money Made Stringent for Borrowing Brokers.

it is a tradition upon the Stock Exchange that a whole holiday is invariably followed by a half one. whole holiday is invariably followed by a har one. Such has been the case to-day. Prices were dull and transactions limited, but, under a recognition of the fact that half a loaf is better than no bread traders in the market made the best of the oppornity offered. They did so to the extent of opening the market with considerable strength, permit-ting it to flatten down within the first ten minutes, olding it steadily through the best part of the day t the reduced prices and allowing it to slump off ir, however, the market showed a disposition to race up, possibly under the influence of the Dutch which desponding bulls had sought obtained at the bars of neighborprices may be attributed to the easing up of market, which, from having been quoted ed down to 4 per cent at the end. As a mate the highest point being due to the machinabears and the low figure to the surfeit of wers. There is no reason, however, to hope easy money market for some weeks to come. tion for dividend and interest disburse nts on the first of the year requires that loanable dis should be kept well in hand, and it appears able that a large proportion of the amount oped in noating stocks will have to be emporarily into the treasuries of the disbursing institutions. Chief of the government, which will pay \$18,000,000; next the banks, failand other financial companies of divers cumstances ease of money for the time being cane future seems to be drawn in accordance with the ove view. As previously intimated, to-day's marcent for Kansas and Texas, under a manifestation es, and which is likely to sympathize with o, the poor Indian," just so long as the shorts reuncovered. C., C. and I. C. dropped two per aithough we would not like to be short of it if ed firm and closed at nearly the best price of day. Friends of the property are confident of er prices, and the so-called Delmonico syndi-we are assured, is not to be frightened into sellown reason, and its elevated protégés fell off in tan. The most active stocks to-day were sas and Texas, Lake Shore, Eric and Wabash, all to our despatch from Philadelphia:-"Everycash was scarce and stocks plenty; prices ost immediately lost, and values remained stalionary for the balance of the day."

os out on Wednesday. Following is an epitome of

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The closting quotations were as follows:

Ait & T liante. 10 17 Louisv & Nash. 86 871;
Alt & T li pf. 39 44 Metropole El. 110 119
Am Dist Tel. 71 73 Michigan Cen. 9216 922;
At & Factl. 4026 4112 Morris & Essex 101 1014;
Bur & Quintey. 1251- 126 Mobile & Ohio. 20 21 Ganada Nouth. 642 66 Manhattan R. 50 502;
Canton. 58 60 New York Cen. 1291- 130 Centron. 59 78 New Cen Con. 1291- 130 Centron. 58 60 New York Cen. 1291- 130 Centron. 58 60 New York

sent. It was generally believed that the market was manipulated in the "bear" interest, and that much The highest paid during the day was 7 per cent and

ness done on Wednesday as \$116,676,236 exchanges and \$4,325,638 balances. Payments 738, 558 27
Balance, coin 108,559,188 44
Balance, note 6,496,164 02
Receipts at Washington to-day were:—From in-

lowing is a list of the sales :-

This being Boxing Day in London and observed as a general holiday there were no quotations from that market.

Foreign exchange here was quiet and unchange Paris, francs—

Sixty days' sight... 5.21 \(\) a 5.22 \(\) 5.21 \(\) a 5.23 \(\) 5.21 \(\) a 5.23 \(\) 5.20 \(\) a 5.20 \(\) Cable transfers — a 5.18 \(\) 5.19 \(\) — Commercial ... = 6.23 \(\) a 5.25 \(\) Three days' sight ... = 6.22 \(\) a 6.23 \(\)

for the third week of December were \$04,600—an increase over last year of \$27,600.

Paul road for the third week in December were-1879, \$227,000; 1878, \$180,297. Increase, \$46,703. The Chicago and Northwestern road, for the third week of December, shows a gain in traffic of

The Stock Exchange will be opened for busines business at ten o'clock-the usual hour-instead of

Philadelphia stocks closed at the following quote

City sixes, new. 110½
United Railroads of New Jersey. 152½
Pennsylvants Railroad. 50¼
Reading Railroad. 30½
Lehigh Valley Railroad. 51
Catawissa preferred. 45½
Northern Pacific common. 31
Northern Pacific preferred. 55½
Northern Contral Railroad. 30
Lehigh Navigation. 36¼
Pittsburg, Titusville and Buffalo. 11½
Hostonville Railway. 25½
Philadelphis and Eric. 17
At the New York Mining Stock Excha

Shares. 25 a. 28 26,900 Gold Placer. .36 a. 3,700 Rappahannock .36 a. 3,500 Findley .69 a. 68 3,500 South Hite. .3.10 a. 3.25 2,700 Great Eastern .28 a. 29 1,600 Lucerne .16 a. 17 1,300 Lacrosse .40 a. 41 1,105 Hukill 3.80 a. 85 1,100 Lacadville 4.50 a. 4,55 900 Granville 4.5 a. 3.3
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2.700 Great Eastern :
1,500 Lucerne
1,300 Lacrosse
1,165 Hukill 3.80 a 3.85
1.100 Leadvillo 4.50 a 4.55
900 Granville
900 Dahlonega
755 Consolidated Virginia 3 35. a 3.60
579 California 3.25 a 3.50
450 Belle lale
420 Imperial
400 La Piata 5.25b30 a 4.95s3
200 Shamrock 1.40s3 a 1.40
200 Buckeye
150 Navajo
125 Bechtel
115 Bulwer 014 a 014
100 Mariposa pref 3.00 a _
100 May Belle
50 Tioga 1.85 a -
50 Cousolidated Pacific 4.25 a -
35 Sierra Novada
20 Bodie 8½ a —
The closing quotations were as follows:

There were no quotations from San Francisco to-day, the Exchange having adjourned over to Mon-

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

OATS KASIER-PORK QUIET-LARD QUIET-SPIRITS TURPENTINE STEADY-ROSIN STEADY-COPPER QUIET—SUGAR QUIET—PETROLEUM DULL—WHISREY NOMINAL.

FRIDAY, Dec. 26-6 P. M. FRIDAY, Dec. 26—6 P. M.

The week has been broken in upon by the recurrence of the Christmas holiday—or rather holidays,
for more days than one are affected, scarcely any
business being done on either the preceding or succeeding day. As a consequence the volume of mercantile transactions during the week is compara-tively small. The speculative fever has measurably tively small. The speculative fover has measurably abated, several of the exchanges having adjourned over until Monday, so that but little has been done since Tuesday. The legitimate trade demand has stackened insterially, and the markets have been as a rule very quiet during the entire week, closing decidedly inactive Prices have not radically changed, though some of the principal articles of speculation have fluctuated as usual but showing no essential change as compared with a week ago. To-day (Friday) the marksts were very generally quiet and values pretty steady. On 'Change flour was quiet. Wheat was firmer. Corn was quiet. Oats were easier. Whiskey was nominal. Pork was quiet. Lard was quiet but firm. Groceries were quiet and nominal. Naval stores were steady. Oils were quiet. Petroleum was duil.

Aminum were quoted at 4½c. a 4½c for pots and 6½c. for pearls.

pair; partridge, \$1 per pair; quail, \$3 a \$3 25 per doson; wild turkey, 14c. a 18c. per h. according to aise; rabbits, 35c. a 40c. per pair; hares, 25c. a 35c. per pair. Venison—Caccas, 8c. a 1c. per bt.; Minnasota caddas, 13c. a 14c.; other saddles, 11c. a 12c.
Provisions.—Receipts—Pork, 778 bbls.; lard, 1,470 tlerces, 107 bbls, and 440 kegs; cut monts, 4,400 packages; bacon, 204 tierces and 3,444 boxes; beef, 103 tierces, 06 bbls, and 4,271 cases; beef hams, 220 bbls.; dressed hogs, 540. Pork opened firmer, but closed under Wednesday's closing figures. Sales were 500 bbls, mess at \$12 50 as 12 75, cash, and 2,000 do., March, at \$14 25. The following were the bid and asked prices at the third call:—December, old and new,—bid,—saked; January, old and new,—\$12 10, asked; January, old and new,—\$12 bld, \$12 50 asked; January, old and new,—\$12 bld, \$12 50 asked; January, old and new,—\$15 00 bld, \$14 50 asked; January, old and new,—\$15 00 bld, \$14 50 asked; January, old and saled; \$14 50 asked; January, old and saled; \$15 00 asked; January, old and \$15 00 bld, \$12 50 asked; January, \$16 asked; January, \$17 00 and asked prices at the third call:—December,—bid, \$17 56 asked; January, \$17 00 and asked prices at the third call:—December,—bid, \$17 56 asked; January, \$17 00 and asked; January, \$17 00 and asked; January,

25c:
Rice was slow of sale and values were easy. We quote:—
Carolina, fair to good, 05c. a 65c.; prime to choice, 65c.
a 75c.; Rangoon, duty paid, 55c. a 6c.; do., in bond, 5c. a

STEARINA—Receipts, a hide, and 22s tierces. Market dull.

SOLAR.—The day was observed as a half holiday, and no transactions were made in raw sugar. A limited outsiness was necomptished in refined sugars at old rates. We quote:—Refined ent touf, 10c. a 10%c, tubes, 19%c, a 10c. a 19%c, tubes, 19%c, a 10c. a 10c. a 19%c, a 10c. a 10

Wittser,—Receipts, 2,000 bbis,: market nominal at 10.
Woot.—The market was quiet, but firm, We note sales of 70,000 bbs. fluo Pennsylvania fleece at 60c., 10,000 bbs. No. 1 fleece at 60c., 5,000 bbs. do. do. at 58c., 50,000 bbs. flail California at 35c., 150,000 bbs. do. do. at 21c. a 38c. 15,000 bbs. tail California at 25c., 50,000 bbs. do. do. at 21c. a 38c. 15,000 bbs. tail California at 25c., 50,000 bbs. Oragon at 375c., 50 bbs. base 5c. do at 44c., 50,000 bbs. tail California at 25c., 50,000 bbs. A 30c. at 25c., 50,000 bbs.

Hand St. J., 35, 81 La S First pl., 48% of 18 La II., 180% of 18 La II.,

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

Cotton quiet; midding, 12c.; low midding, 113c.; good ordinary, 113c. Not receipts, 1,880 bales; gross, 1,880 Exports coastwise, 525. Stock, 82,257. Weekly-Net receipts, 15,273 bales; gross, 15,351. Exports—To Great Britain, 0,175; coastwise, 11,221. Sales, 5,737.

be,800 do; cats, 20,300 do.; barley, 400 do; rye, 3,000 do.

Plour firmer, with more doing: sales, 1,400 bbls. white at \$0.70 a \$0.75. Wheat stronger; No. 1 white Michigan, \$1.384, soot. December and January; \$1.49. February; \$1.404, March: \$1.57, May; milling No. 1, \$1.34. Cornstrong; No. 1 yellow, 40%; c. 181 mixed, 486.; No. 2 mixed, 40c. Oats scarce and advance; No. 1 white, 42c.; No. 2 do., 30%; c.; No. 1 mixed, 40%; c.; No. 2 do., 30%; c.; No. 1 mixed, 40%; c.; No. 2 do., 30%; c.; No. 2 mixed, 40%; c.; No. 2 do., 30%; c.; No. 2 do., 30%; c.; No. 2 do., 40%; c.; No. 2 do., 30%; c.; No. My No. 1 white, \$2... to see dull: No. 2 \$4.70; printe, \$5 th a \$5.10; choice, \$5.40. Dressed hogs firmer, and in active shipping demand at \$5'25. Receipts—Flour, 2,200 bbls.; wheat, \$3,200 bushels: evrn, 1,000 ac; osts, 2,800 de. Shipments—Flour, 1,000 bbls. wheat, \$200 bbls. wheat, \$2,000 de. Tolkko, Dec. 26, 1879. Wheat strong: No. 2 red winter, January, hold at \$1.425; Pebruary, \$1.455; March, \$1.425; bid. Corn firm: high mixed, \$25,40; No. 2, spot, \$45,60; May, 48c.; No. 2 white, \$45,60; Corn firm: high mixed, \$25,60; No. 2, spot, \$45,60; May, 48c.; No. 2 white, \$45,60; Coperated, \$45,60; down guide; No. 2, \$71,60. Gloverseed hominal: prime, \$5.10 asked, \$5.00 high Receipts—Wheat, \$20,000 bushels; corn, \$4,000 do. Shipmonts—Wheat, \$2,000 bushels; corn, \$20,000 do.

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William st., in the city of New York, the Interest coupons
of the First Mortgage Bonds of the Onto and Massissippl
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Assistant Secretary.

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31, 1870. at 3 o'clock P. M. and will be reopened at 10
c'clock A. M., January 29, 1889. Holders of outstanding
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00 - PARTNER IN VARIETY COMPANY: WILL begins bear investigation. Answer, for three days, VARIETY, box 127 Herald office.

THE MOUNTED SQUAD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:-

It is well known that even now nearly one-half of the "mounted squad" do duty above the Harlem River, but it is forgotten that they are there only in the daytime, from eight A. M. to six P. M. It takes one hour to go and one hour to return to the staeach one taking his lunch with him and feed for his horse; so there is only left seven hours for patrol THE COURTS.

DECISION OF JUDGE VAN HOESEN IN THE ROB ERTSON DIVOSCE SUIT.

BRACELETS FROM TIFFANY'S. Two very elegantly attired prisoners, of me

o try, and in which the jury on the 11th inst.

In the case of Henrietta Solomon against the Jewish society known as Chibra Yovi Zedek to restrain the latter from removing the body of her husband, Mor-

day continued the injunction until the 30th inst., to which time the case was adjourned.

The Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents obtained an injunction against Thomas Carroll, who keeps "The London," on Sixth avenue, to restrain him from giving minstrel performance without paying a license. Quite an argument took place yesterday before Judge Van Vorst on a motion to make the injunction permanent. The Court reserved its decision. Scribner & Robinson appeared for the society and ex-Judge Curtis for Carroll.

COURT CALENDARS-THIS DAY. SURROGATE'S COURT—Held by Surrogate Calvin.— Contested will of Mary G. Hall, deceased, at eleven A. M. Contested will of Mary S. Hitchcock, deceased, at two P. M.

LUDLOW STREET JAIL.

TO BE STRENGTHENED AT LAST-SENTENCE OF THE PRISONERS WHO UNSUCCESSFULLY TRIED TO ESCAPE.

and Superintendent Keech, of the Department of Public Works, were at Ludlow Street Jail yesterday, examining the condition of the prison and making apecifications for contemplated improvements. It is understood that the recent attempt of the counterfeiters, Frank Cluff, alias Bennett, George Williams, Matthew Rooney, Samuel Swine, alias John Casey, James Burns and Hugh Curry to escape from the jail by sawing a bar of a window looking out into the prison yard from the famous "alley," and the additional discovery that one of the prisoners, Williams, had picked the lock of his cell door, was the occasion of this action on the part of the incoming Sheriff. Work will be begun immediately, and it is the intention of Sheriff Bowe to make the jail thoroughly secure. In the meantime an extra force of men will be employed to guard the prison, which is notoriously insecure. Sheriff Reilly and Warden Fitzsimmons have always been outspoken in pronouncing the jail unsafe, and that it is so is attested by the numerous escapes which have occurred within the last few years. The win-dows are to be strengthened, the five-eighths of an inch bars which now protect them being replaced inch bars which now protect them being replaced by stronger ones, and the gratings of the cell doors and windows will also be made more secure. As they now are a file saw easily rips through them, and the iron rods bend almest as easily as if they were wire. The fonce and railing in the rear are to be reconstructed. In their present condition they seem intended to aid prisoners to escape, the supports helping to form a ladder by means of which to scale the pickets. In other respects the prison is as secure as most jails not specially adapted to make escape impossible. "The place is strong enough now to hold all the prisoners we have," said one of the keepers "esterday to a liknatar reporter, "but then they require watching. With the improvements that are contemplated Ludlow Street Jail will be as secure as the City Prison. The class of men who are kept here for trial or sentence in the United States Courts are a kind who will get out if they can. A five years' sentence is a thing any man would rus away from; but our counterfeiters were taken to Court to-day, and are now on their way to the Albany Penitonitary."

SENTENCED.

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The prisoners sentenced yesterday were Bennett, Williams, James Burns, High Curry, T. Ochen and James A. Harriott. Bennett was the man who sang "Marching Through Georgia" very loudly in his cell on Christmas Eve and defied the jail officials to "put him in the alley." Williams was the min who pitcked the lock of his cell door. Those together with Burns and Curry were convicted for passing counterfeit money, and having bogus coin in their possession. Theodore Cohen was found guilty of having in his possession a quantity of cigars upon which the revenue stamps had not been affixed and he hadrepeated the offence while out on bail. Harriott's offence was defrauding the government by means of alse bounty papers and personating a soldier whom he thought to be dead. The prisoners were brought into court by Warden Fitzsimmons, assisted by

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